

# Cosmetic Sampling and Application Guidelines

Cosmetic sampling and application must be conducted in a safe and sanitary manner. This helps to reduce the risk of transmission of blood borne and other types of infections for both clients and staff. Bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens of concern can potentially grow on cosmetic products and can be transmitted from one person to another. To reduce the likelihood of this from happening, the following requirements must be followed for all operators who wish to provide cosmetic samples and/or cosmetic application to the public.

## **A person can spread germs even if they don't know they have them.**

- Provide moist towelettes and 70-90% alcohol-based hand rub for proper hand hygiene in the absence of a hand sink and appropriate supplies (i.e., hot and cold running water, dispensable liquid soap, and single-use disposable paper towels).
- Single-use disposable items must not be re-used (e.g., mascara wands, sponges, Q-tips, etc.). Ensure an adequate supply of single-use disposable items are on-site.
- All products (e.g., makeup, creams, lotions, etc.) must be dispensed in a manner that does not contaminate the remaining portion (i.e., use pumps and single-use disposable applicators).
- All clean items, instruments, and equipment must be stored in a sanitary manner (e.g., clean covered containers, etc.) when not in use.
- Provide a lined waste container for the disposal of single-use items and other waste products.

For Cosmetic Sampling	For Cosmetic Application
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare only limited portions of products for sampling in single-use disposable containers at any given time.</li> <li>• Discard any unused samples at the end of the day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reusable pencils are allowed if between uses the sharpener is cleaned/disinfected, pencil is sharpened, and the sharpener is cleaned/disinfected again.</li> <li>• Makeup (including lipstick, lip crayons, etc.) must be dispensed onto a separate, clean surface for single-use; use a single-use applicator to apply the product.</li> <li>• Never “double dip” to prevent cross contamination.</li> <li>• Reusable application tools (e.g., brushes, sponges, etc.) should not be used.</li> </ul>

## **You do not have to see blood or body fluids on instruments for an infection to occur.**

Please be advised, if you intend on performing any personal service procedure(s) such as chemical peels, micro-dermabrasion, facials, manicures, pedicures, hairdressing, hair removal/waxing, ear piercing, etc., the requirements of *O. Reg. 136/18 Personal Service Settings* document will apply. The owner(s)/operator(s) shall immediately notify and obtain approval from the Durham Region Health Department prior to any personal service procedures.



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